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were wearing new uniforms. The troops stated that this was their first visit to Germany and that they were to be quartered in the Zieten Kaserne in Potsdam.

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4. Approximately 3,000 Soviet troops, recently arrived from Russia, were receiving training in early June 1947 at the troop maneuver area between Siche, Bornim, and Grube (all Z-53), near Potsdam. In addition to learning the use of the model 26 carbine, the troops practiced with a new light automatic machine gun. This weapon, said to be a German invention completed by the Russians, fires 250 shots per minute. Only twelve of these guns were available in early June; an additional number were expected to be ready in September or October 1947.

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5. Soviet armor, described as the Third Guards Armored Corps, moved out of the Chrdruf (J-15) training grounds by rail in mid-June. The train, with ninety-four cars, was routed via Erfurt, Weissenfels, and Leipzig. Since several damaged tanks were shipped to a repair unit at APC 42059 in Jüterbog (J-69), it is believed that the "corps" may be in the vicinity of the latter city. This unit consisted of three armored brigades and two motorized infantry regiments, with artillery and AA guns. Two of the brigades were equipped with sixty Stalin tanks each; the third brigade had sixty T-34's and sixty JS-3's. Training consisted of firing from tanks and drilling with heavy weapons.

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Comment: In a previous report, the composition was given as: three tank brigades, each with sixty tanks; two chemical regiments; one artillery regiment and one AA regiment; total strength, approximately 20,000 men. Tank strength was reported to be 120 TS-2's plus twenty T-34's.)

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